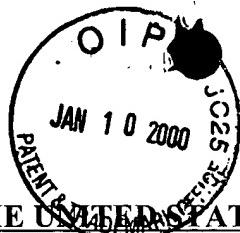


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PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed September 2, 1999, said period of response being extended from December 2, 1999 to February 2, 2000.

Our check in the amount of \$380.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.
Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

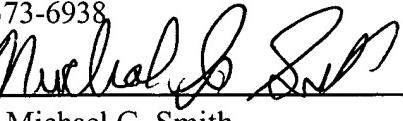
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